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In re Application of

Takahiro Tanioka

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: